Getting Prepared

Retirement Readiness Worksheets



As you think about this new adventure called retirement, make certain that you're as prepared as possible. Reviewing, completing and adding to this checklist will go a long way toward ensuring a pleasant and secure retirement.

Timeline for Retirement

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Now fill in the worksheets in this booklet. They'll help you put this information to use as you get ready to retire. >

Worksheet A

Today's Money

Instructions: Record amounts for yourself and for your spouse in columns 1 and 2. Add up the money across each row for you and your spouse, and write the total in column 3. Then add all the numbers down column 3 and write the total in column 3 at the bottom.

	1 You	2 Spouse	3 Total
Retirement savings			
Home equity (market value)			
Mortgage and liens (enter as negative amount)			
Personal savings and investments			
Other assets (collections, etc.)			
TOTAL ASSETS			

Worksheet B

Your Money - 10 Years from Now

Asset Growth Factors for Three Selected Rates of Return*

1.344 for 3%

1.629 for 5%

1.967 for 7%

	1 Current \$ value (from Worksheet A, Column 3)	2 *Asset growth factor (rate of return)	3 Asset value in 10 years (Column 1 x Column 2)
Retirement savings			
Home equity (market value)			
Mortgage and liens (enter as negative amount)			
Personal savings and investments			
Other assets (collections, etc.)			
TOTAL ASSETS			

Worksheet C

New Savings Between Now and Retirement

Savings Growth Factors for Three Selected Rates of Return*

139.741 for 3%

155.282 for 5%

173.085 for 7%

	1 Estimated monthly savings amount	2 *Savings growth factor	3 Value of savings in 10 years (Column 1 x Column 2)
Retirement savings			
Home equity (market value)			
Mortgage and liens (enter as negative amount)			
Personal savings and investments			
Other assets (collections, etc.)			
TOTAL ASSETS			

Worksheet D

Monthly Income Over a 30-Year Retirement

Income Conversion Factors for Assumed Rates of Interest*

0.004216 for 3%

0.005368 for 5%

0.006653 for 7%

	Accumulated assets (Column 3 from Worksheet B plus Column 3 from Worksheet C)	*Income conversion factor	3 Monthly income beginning at retirement (Column 1 x Column 2)
Social Security (estimate based on your retirement year)			
Retirement savings			
Home equity (market value)			
Mortgage and liens (enter as negative amount)			
Personal savings and investments			
Other assets (collections, etc.)			
TOTAL ASSETS			

Worksheet E

Monthly Expenses Today

Instructions: Now that you know what your savings and investments are, the next step is to move on to today's expenses. Worksheet E calculates what you spend today.

Some monthly expenses are easy to figure. Others, like a heating bill, may not remain the same from month to month and will require a calculation of your average monthly bill over a year's time. Still other bills may arrive only quarterly. While you may want to guesstimate some of these bills the first time you fill in the worksheets, you will probably want to add more accurate figures later.

If you are married, include your spouse's expenses; in addition, if anyone is financially dependent on you, add in those expenses.

	1 Monthly amount
Housing	
Mortgage (including condo fees)	
Rent	
Maintenance	
Food (at home)	
Utilities	
Electricity	
Heat	
Internet/cable	
Phones	
Water/sewer	
Gas	
Clothing	
Taxes	
Real Estate	
Income (state and federal)	
Other property taxes	
Insurance	
House	
Life	
Car	
Disability	
Long-term care	

Worksheet E - continued

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Worksheet F Monthly Expenses in 10 Years

(First year of retirement)

	Total monthly expenses now (from monthly expenses column in Worksheet E)	2 10-year inflation factor of 1.4106 (3.5%)* (except for health care—see below)	Total expenses in 10 years adjusted for inflation (Column 1 x Column 2)
Housing			
Mortgage (including condo fees) Rent Maintenance			
Food (at home)			
Utilities			
Electricity Heat Internet/cable Phones Water/sewer Gas			
Clothing			
Taxes			
Real Estate Income (state and federal) Other property taxes			
Insurance			
House Life Car Disability Long-term care			
Loans			
Car Credit card Other			
Retirement savings			

^{*} This inflation rate factor is simply the factor equal to a 3.5% inflation rate for 10 years.

Worksheet F - continued

	1 Total monthly	2 10-year inflation factor of 1.4106	3 Total expenses in 10 years adjusted
	expenses now (from monthly expenses column in Worksheet E)	(3.5%) (except for health care)	for inflation (Column 1 x Column 2)
Personal care			
Hair cut Dry Cleaning Gym Other			
Transportation			
Car repairs and maintenance Gas Parking Public transportation			
Health care (for a 7% inflation factor			
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Dental Vision Noncovered items			
Travel/vacations			
Entertainment			
Eating out Hobbies Movies/theatre			
Charitable contributions			
Other			
Gifts Membership dues Pet-related expenses			
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES ADJUSTED FOR 10 YEARS INFLATION (other than health)			
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES ADJUSTED FOR 10 YEARS INFLATION (health)			

Worksheet G

Comparing Projected Income and Expenses

Instructions: This worksheet compares your anticipated income and expenses over 30 years in retirement and will reflect any shortfall between the two.

Use the total monthly income calculated in Worksheet D and multiply it by a value adjustment factor for 0% (0.5174) at right. Then multiply this result by 360 months and enter that amount in Column 4 of Worksheet G. This is your total projected income.

Next, record the total monthly expenses calculated in Worksheet F. For expenses other than health, choose an inflation adjustment value factor of 4%. For health, use a 7 percent inflation rate. Multiply this result by 360 months and

enter it in Column 4. Now subtract the total value of projected expenses ("other than health" and "health") over 30 years of retirement in Column 4 from the corresponding total value of your projected income (also in Column 4). The result is the projected value of income less expenses.

Value Adjustment Factors		
Inflation rate	5% assumed rate of return	
0%	0.5174	
3%	0.7520	
4%	0.8640	
7%	1.3691	

	1 At retirement	Inflation adjusted value factor (See chart above)	Value in \$ at retirement for one month (Column 1 x Column 2)	4 Total value in \$ at retirement (Column 3 x 360 months)
Total projected income Worksheet D, Column 3 total				
Total projected expenses Worksheet F, Column 3 total Health Other than health				
Projected value of income less expenses Subtract Line 2 from Line 1				

Worksheet H

Additional Savings Needed Before Retirement (in 10 Years)

Additional Savings Factors*

0.00716 for 3%

0.00644 for 5%

0.00578 for 7%

Gap between projected total value of expenses and projected total value of income (from Worksheet G)	1
Additional savings factor*	2
Additional monthly savings needed (Multiply Line 1 x Line 2)	3

